



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs

Request:

The Ohio State University requests approval to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

The Ohio State University (OSU) is a public research institution located in Columbus, Ohio. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredits Ohio State University until its next review in 2017. OSU has an enrollment of more than 55,000 students in more than 400 programs of study. The proposed degree program is interdisciplinary, drawing on the combined resources of courses and faculty in 18 schools and departments in addition to the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. The John Glenn School of Public Affairs currently offers graduate degree programs (masters and doctorate) in public affairs and public policy administration.

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs is designed to prepare students for careers in public service or graduate study in related fields. Three specialized tracks will be available to students: urban policy and management, community organization and civic engagement, and non-profit management. Students may also choose to pursue individual interests through one of ten established majors.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The degree program comprises 181 credit hours, with 70 credit hours in the major: 25 credits hours in public affairs foundation requirements, ten credit hours in applied managerial and analytical courses, 25 hours in a specialized track or a minor, and ten hours focused on integration of program content. Program size will be small during the initial years and grow to approximately 40 students per year.

Faculty and Resources:


The John Glenn School currently has eleven core faculty members and is expected to grow to 15 or 16 faculty members by the fall of 2011. Resources are sufficient to meet the needs of the program.

Recommendation:

This program meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate degrees and approval is recommended.

End of Comment Period: March 31, 2011

No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED	
	4-4-11
Jim Petro, Chancellor	Date

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